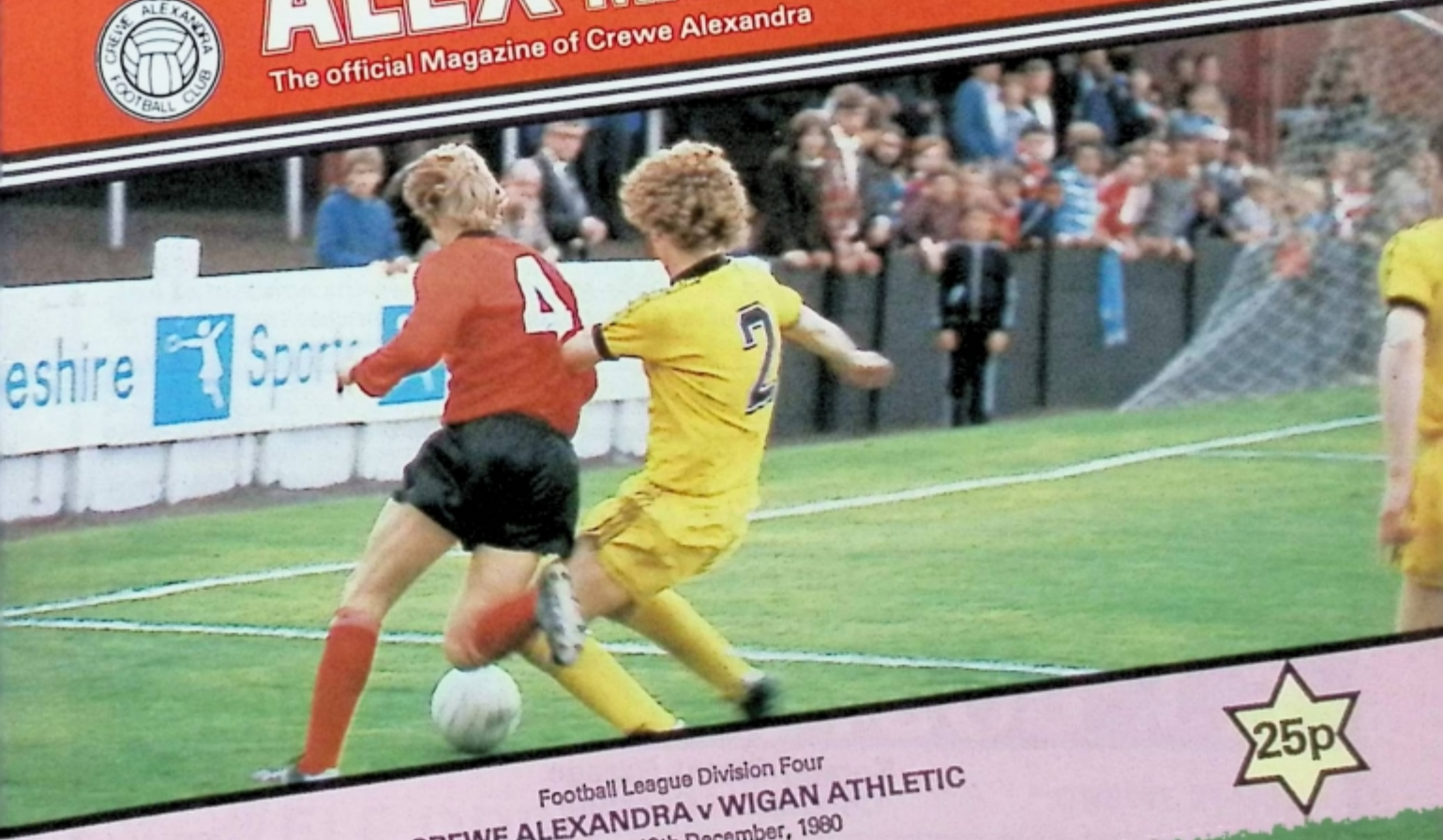


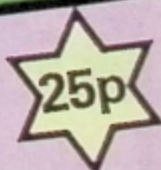


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From the Boardroom....

It was just over a week ago now that news reached us of the death of someone whose connections with Crewe Alexandra started almost 60 years ago. Indeed it was at the time when Crewe came back into league football with the formation of the Third Division North. In the official records his name is recorded as W. Houston and although most of his games were in the reserve side he did appear in the League side in Season 1921/22 and 1925/26. In later years he was to become a Director of the Club at the same time as his son Alex. More popularly known as Jock Houston he was keenly interested in football and also his other hobby, fishing. We therefore extend to his sons our sympathy in their loss.

At a time when fans are so often criticised for their behaviour it was indeed gratifying to read in the local press after the local Derby game against Port Vale the comments from the local Police chief who congratulated the fans for their behaviour with not a single incident having been reported. It may be said in some circles that it was the weather which helped things along, both clubs prefer to think that the real reason was that at long last fans realise that in the end it is they who suffer for their own misdemeanours and if in the future legislation imposes even higher fines for misbehaviour, then in the present economic climate they could find it difficult to pay the increased fines which would no doubt be imposed by the magistrates. Our away following in this particular season has been really amazing, all games to date have seen the arrival of at least one coachload of fans irrespective of the distances involved.

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Southend	23	15	2	5	40	15	34		
Lincoln	23	14	5	4	42	13	33		
Mansfield	24	13	3	8	29	20	29		
Hartlepool	24	12	5	7	38	20	29		
Aldershot	24	11	7	6	38	20	29		
Peterborough	23	10	7	6	38	20	29		
Bradford	23	9	8	6	30	20	26		
Doncaster	24	11	4	9	27	20	26		
Wimbledon	24	10	3	11	30	21	23		
Torquay Utd	24	10	3	11	30	21	23		
Crewe	24	7	9	8	31	34	23		
Norhampton	23	10	3	10	34	40	23		
Tranmere Rovers	23	9	4	10	30	33	22		
Darlington	23	9	4	10	33	34	22		
Rochdale	23	7	8	8	30	34	22		
Stockport	23	8	5	9	25	31	22		
Bournemouth	24	8	6	10	30	26	22		
York	23	7	7	9	25	29	21		
Wigan Athletic	23	8	5	10	24	31	21		
Souths	23	5	10	9	20	20	20		
Port Vale	23	5	11	7	31	27	18		
Bury	24	7	3	14	34	40	17		
Halifax	24	5	5	14	24	39	15		
Harefield	23	3	9	11	17	36	15		

Just a few games have so far fallen victim to the weather, although if the long term forecast recently announced proves to be accurate then we could be in for a busy time in terms of re-arranged games in the Spring and with the Pools Panel operating once again.

Now that most clubs have completed half their League programme a much clearer pattern is now emerging at both the top and bottom of the Division. Southend United and Lincoln City now seem certain to be two of the teams who will gain promotion at the end of the season for they have opened up a 5 and 4 point lead over the clubs at present lying in third and fourth places, Mansfield Town and Hartlepool.

It is just below these teams that the real battle is going on with several just hoping that a good run will be enough to displace one of the others. In this group are Aldershot, who are always very close to a promotion place but somehow just failing to do so and Peterborough United and Bradford City, both teams who are not easy to beat and have a reputation as teams with plenty of goal scoring potential.

When you look at our own points total at the present time, 23 points from 24 games then if we could start a good run ourselves a fairly high place in the table could well be ours at the Season's end. Comparing our meagre total from August to December of last season, just 11, already it is slightly more than a 100% improvement and with four more games to go before the end of the year, three of which are at home, that is assuming the weather does not intervene.

At the bottom of the table Halifax Town, who recently had a gate of over 1,000 for a home game and Harefield United have started to become detached from the others and although the position is not one which could be described as a hopeless one it is always harder when you just cannot afford to drop a point with any degree of regularity. Bury too are very low in the table, this must have surprised many, considering the playing staff they have to call on.



APPEARANCES AS AT 6.12.80

	League	L.C.	F.A.	Sub.
DANNY BOWERS	24	2	1	—
TERRY CONROY	17	2	1	—
PETER COYNE	16	—	—	—
DAI DAVIES	11	—	1	6
KEVIN GLENDON	1	—	—	—
MICK GUY	16	2	—	1
STEVE HANLON	2	—	—	—
GEOFF HUNTER	24	2	1	—
KEVIN LEWIS	24	2	1	—
JOHN McMAHON	18	2	—	—
BOB MOUNTFORD	3	—	—	1
KEN MULHEARN	24	2	1	—
DENNIS NELSON	9	—	1	2
MARK PALIOS	22	2	—	—
COLIN PROPHETT	24	2	1	—
BOB SCOTT	23	2	1	—
NEIL WILKINSON	6	2	1	3

SCORERS

	League	L.C.	F.A.
DANNY BOWERS	1	—	—
TERRY CONROY	3	2	—
PETER COYNE	11	—	—
DAI DAVIES	3	—	—
MICK GUY	1	—	—
JOHN McMAHON	1	—	—
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SPOTLIGHT ON WIGAN ATHLETIC

Compared to their first two Seasons since being elected into the Football League, this current Season, 1980/81, must be regarded as their least successful one. However, compared with many of the other teams in the Division their average home attendance of around 5,000 is still very good. The games at Gresty Road between the sides have always been closely contested, goals, but not a surfeit of them and watched by attendances which have given these encounters a fine atmosphere.

In the cup competitions this season after beating Crewe over the two games of the first round they were drawn against Preston North End in the second round and only lost narrowly. There were to be no giant killing acts in the F.A. Cup this time, their first round opponents were Chesterfield and after holding the Saltergate to a draw at home they lost the replay the following week. At present they are lying in 19th position in the league with 21 points from 23 games, of these 17 have been gained at home, 7 wins and three draws and just 4 away from home from one win and two draws. Tommy Gore who had scored for Wigan in the League cup encounter with Crewe has been since transferred to Bury and Maurice Whittle has also been another departure. Still in charge at Springfield Park is IAN McNEILL whose association with the club first started in 1968 and apart from a two year break he has been there ever since.

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GRESTY ROAD ROUND UP

When the current season started, one of the youngest members of the staff, Steve Hanlon although no doubt hoping that he would at some time have the opportunity of a game in the senior side certainly would not have expected his call up quite so soon. Due to the length of the injury list and with a small playing staff he received his senior call up for the home game against Mansfield Town and although as things turned out it was not to be a winning debut he was able to show that the confidence in him was justified.

In the very next game, the local Derby game at Port Vale he was able to continue in the side and it was also the game in which Kevin Glendon who joined the staff from Manchester City earlier in the season made his debut. Local derby games are never the easiest games in which to play, whether you are a seasoned professional or a young player just waiting your chance. The weather conditions could not have been more difficult but here again we can say that we have young players who when needed can do an excellent job for us.

The referee for this afternoon's game is DENNIS HEDGES from Oxford. He commenced refereeing in Oxford in 1963, via several local leagues to the Isthmian League and then to the Football League. Lined non-league International England v Italy in 1976 and Sweden v Russia International in 1979 and refereed the Isthmian Leagues Champions v The Rest in 1978. Married with two boys, he is Assistant Manager of a joinery works. His main interest is woodcraft but also enjoys cricket and folk music.

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AS IT HAPPENED

BY ROY GREER *Crewe Chronicle*

30 YEARS AGO....Jack Meaney scored direct from a corner three minutes from the end for his second goal of the match to enable Crewe to force a second round replay against Plymouth Argyle in the F.A. Cup with a 2-2 result at Gresty Road. Plymouth were 2-0 up with 10 minutes to go before Meaney launched his match saving effort. Teams: Crewe: Elson; Parker (S), Young; Waddington, Briggs, Meaney; McGuigan, Mitchellson, Travis, Basford, Smith, Plymouth: Shortt; Ratcliffe, Jones; Rundle, Chisholm, Porteous; Strauss, Dougall, Tadman, Dewa, Govan. Attendance: 11,592. Plymouth won the replay 3-0 and took on Wolves at home in the third round.

20 YEARS AGO....Crewe dropped their first point at home since September 28 when Doncaster forced a 1-1 result with an 89th minute penalty by Curtis. Crewe's goal also came from the penalty spot and was scored in the 79th minute by Stan Keery. Crewe team: Ferguson; McGill, Campbell; Keery, Barnes, Shepherd; Stark, Riley, Foster, Wheatley, Elms. Attendance: 6,973.

10 YEARS AGO....Crewe lost 1-0 in the second round of the F.A. Cup at Chester. Manager Ernie Tagg complained: "We made the real chances and should have won." The crowd was 9,353, the receipts £2,638 and Crewe lined up: Adams; Lowry, Leigh; Gater, Summerhill, Higgins; Tewley, Wallace, Morrissey, Bowles, Bradshaw. Sub: Turner. Chairman Norman Rowlinson warned shareholders at the club's annual meeting: "It is important that we make a profit....or we go under". The club had reported a loss of £14,086.

NEWS VIEWS

By Editor Harold Finch

Are Football Managers presenting a new image to the media — this could be so for in recent weeks there have been several occasions when views have been expressed very forcibly indeed. Whatever individual views we may have insofar as to what lengths the media go in their search for and presentation of news it must be difficult for clubs and players alike to always keep a tight lip and it naturally follows that some 'facts' would have been better left unsaid.

In this context there was the occasion of what Malcolm Allison had to say in respect of the players that John Bond had inherited at Maine Road after his departure. Whenever a Manager leaves a club players are bound to be left behind which the former Manager has nurtured along, this has always been the case, whether they will fit in with whatever lies ahead is another matter. Then there were the disclosures of the terms under which Terry Yorath would have moved from Tottenham Hotspur to rejoin his former playing colleague, Alan Clarke. The figures may have been accurate, they could of course have been part truth and part conjecture, we shall perhaps never know. Transfer figures usually when quoted are often estimated figures for a variety of reasons, clubs after all are entitled to some degree of privacy. Lastly we have the case of the Steve Daley on-off transfer to Chelsea, it must be hard to accept that you as a player do not now figure in any plans at the club and perhaps it is not exactly sweet music to your ears to hear that you are not considered to be in the high transfer bracket that you had previously been put into. There are obviously very many talking points, especially on the transfer front which will no doubt make the headlines in the future.

With just one more round to go in the League Cup competition it would I suppose take a brave man to back Manchester City to deny the Anfield Club a visit to Wembley in March and attempt to win that competition for the first time. However, since the arrival of John Bond at Maine Road the fortunes of that club had taken a sharp upward turn and only last weekend John Bond was named as the First Division Manager of the Month for November.

Injuries to various key players with clubs have been making life difficult for several sides. Last weekend Kenny Dalglish took another bad knock but despite their constant list of injured players Liverpool have once again gone back to the top of the First Division table and the record recently set for being unbeaten in home games will not be an easy one to equal or even pass. Trevor Francis who is making a steady recovery for Notts Forest has been appearing in their reserve games and in the most recent of these the total gate jumped from the usual meagre few to one of around 4,000, a remarkable upward trend and one which shows the drawing power that certain players have.



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Personality Profile

Hibbit Bros Are In Business

By Derek Henderson

The more you dwell on it, the more remarkable it is that brothers can both make it to the top-flight in a game like Association Football where the ratio of those who get there compared to the whole, is very small.

The Charlton brothers, Bobby and Jack were perhaps the most famous example in recent years. The Hibbits — Kenny and Terry — are not far behind in terms of respect, though of course not quite in the international sense as their illustrious predecessors.

Nevertheless, for two professionals who week in and week out supply dedication, skill and devotion to their task the Hibbit brothers would not easily be surpassed.

Kenny (he's the bigger by three inches and two stone) has been so long an established member of the Wolves that it's hard to remember that he was once a Bradford Park Avenue player. But he made only 13 League appearances compared to his impressive total of over 340 at Molineux.

Terry, like his brother a midfielder player, is a three-club man now enjoying his second spell back on Tyneside though he, like Ken, is Bradford-born.

Terry was with Leeds before moving to Newcastle and it was something of a surprise when he moved to Birmingham after making 138 appearances for the Magpies.

Back with Newcastle, he last season spent another term playing in Division II after operating for 13 years in the First — and the difference is only too stark.

On at least half the Second Division grounds, crowds are small and the atmosphere is far less impressive than in the First where there is rarely a game lacking in that sort of make-up.

Both men can show some trophies for their time in the game. Terry picked up a FA Cup medal and also a League Cup winners medal while in Leeds' colours, while Ken has two League Cup winners medals to put on his sideboard after Wolves' Wembley successes against Manchester City and Nottingham Forest.

Of the two, Terry, being smaller, is the nipper and more creative, with his mazy runs leading the best defences a merry dance. The more strongly-built Kenny is known for his shooting power and his strength going forward, particularly on the right side.

The Hibbits are rarely in trouble with referees and are good club-men — the backbone of League football, you might say.



Soccer Spotlight

BY TONY PULLEIN

Yet Another Star 'keeper from Chesterfield

It's strange how some clubs, and towns, have a knack for producing star players.

For a period immediately after the last war Swansea produced pretty well an entire Welsh international team. Great players like John Charles, Ivor Allchurch, Cliff Jones, Trevor Ford, Roy Paul, Terry Medwin, Mel Nurse and many more started their careers from Swansea.

Somehow, the supply dried up and the local club disappeared for a while into the Fourth Division. Now they are moving upwards again and, coupled with that success and the recession in Wales, it has been suggested that we may be about to see another breed of Welsh stars emerging from that city.

They used to say that hungry footballers are the best footballers. Or that, if you whistled at the top of a pit-head, up would come a footballer.

Well, times are hard again now in Wales. And it could be that young men, unable to get a job, will devote more energy towards the possibility of earning a crust from football. We shall see.

When talking in terms of footballing talent, the name of Chesterfield is rarely mentioned. The club itself has for long languished in the lower reaches of the Football League. Yet, over the years it has probably produced more international goalkeepers than most other towns.

The latest Chesterfield lad to come into the international reckoning is Leeds' goalkeeper John Lukic. John was born in Chesterfield and didn't play for his local club. He only earned his place in the Leeds' side last season but he was included in the England under-21 squad to face Norway at Southampton in September.

Another great goalkeeper missed by the club, but born in Chesterfield, was Bob Wilson who won fame with both Arsenal and Scotland.

England is unlikely ever to throw up a finer goalkeeper than Gordon Banks, of 1966 World Cup fame and that fantastic save from Pele four years after. Gordon's first League club was Chesterfield but he had played only 23 games for them when Leicester spotted him and quickly snapped him up. Gordon became England's most-capped 'keeper with 73 appearances.

The immaculate Sam Hardy was England's goalkeeper for 14 years from 1906 in the days when we played only about three matches per season. So his tally of 23 caps is somewhat misleading. He was truly a great goalkeeper who played out his international career with Aston Villa and Liverpool. But he began his career with Chesterfield.

Ray Middleton was one of Chesterfield's finest 'keepers. He somehow didn't win any full caps but, after joining Derby in 1951, he played for England 'B'.

In recent years Jim Brown (Scotland U-23), Alan Stevenson (England U-23) and Glen Letheran (Wales U-23) have all been in the Chesterfield goal.

Now we must watch for the name of John Lukic to see if the city of the crooked spire has done it yet again.



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Five international stars were recently on the move in France, two of them from relegated Marseilles. The exciting, but explosive, left winger Didier Six, who began his career with Lens, turned down the prospect of a move to Strasbourg before finally deciding to cross the border to play for Bruges in the Belgian League. It was Six who provided the first memorable moment of the 1978 World Cup Finals, for it was his mercurial run and beautifully struck centre which was 'finished off' by a brilliant header from Bernard Lacombe to give France the first goal of the finals after just 31 seconds of their opening Group 1 Match against Italy.

Marius Tresor, the gifted centre-back who also made something of a name for himself in the 1978 World Cup, is the other Marseilles star on the move. In his case he has stayed in the French League with Girondins de Bordeaux. The Bordeaux club were this summer's 'big spenders' in the French League, signing four other players in addition to Tresor, including another international defender Francois Bracci from 1979 Champions, Racing Strasbourg.

The other two French internationals to change clubs were right winger Dominique Rocheteau who moved from St. Etienne to Paris Saint-Germain, and defender Patrick Battison who made the trip from Monaco to St. Etienne. French Cup Winners Monaco were also involved in a couple of other summer transfer deals which surprised a few people. Despite a lengthy stay in hospital mid-season for an operation on his knee ligaments, Argentinian Delio Onnis still managed to finish the season as joint top goal scorer in France with 21 goals. It therefore came as something of a surprise when Monaco decided to transfer him to newly promoted FC Tours. In six good years with Monaco Onnis scored nearly

250 League goals, and his finishing power will surely be missed this season.

Monaco Coach Gerard Banide, however, considers that he has strengthened his squad with the arrival of another Argentinian Victor Trossero from Champions Nantes, and the Swiss footballer-of-the-year Umberto Barberis from Servette.

The French League Championship for the 1980-81 season will almost certainly feature the same clubs who fought out the top places last season; namely Nantes, St. Etienne, Monaco, and the surprise of last season Sochaux, with Nantes probably emerging as favourites to retain their trophy.

One thing that everyone will be looking for though is a marked improvement in attendances. Last season gates throughout the French First Division were little short of disastrous with most clubs struggling to top the 10,000 figure. Paris St. Germain finished the season as the country's best supported club with an average home gate of 21,361, but considering that they are the only First Division side in Paris, a city of 3 million inhabitants, that figure is pretty alarming!

In second place for average home gates came St. Etienne (19,664), followed by Nantes (16,422), Lens (15,100), Marseille (13,838), Strasbourg (13,768), and Lille (13,314). Nobody else could manage more than 10,000 and Monaco and Bastia averaged only 4,265 and 3,275 respectively. And we think we've got problems in England!



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Brian Clough, the man people love or hate, his trademark must be his forthrightness, and that razor-sharp tongue, and dry sense of humour. But as an orator, Brian puts many public speakers to shame. Born in Middlesbrough in March, 1935, he played for the local team from 1951 until 1961, capped twice for England. In 1960, Brian switched in allegiance over The Weir to Sunderland in July, 1961. Goals came easy to him and in season 1959-1960 he bagged a League total of 39. In November, 1964, a personal tragedy wrecked his career when he was stretched off with a bad leg injury. Brian's playing days were over.



His management achievements at Derby, Brighton are well known, in Nottingham Sherwood people talk not of Robin Hood and Will Scarlet, but of Brian Clough and his partner Peter Taylor. Europe is Forest's oyster, and I am proud to say that I have been one of the 'Merry Men' who has followed Peter and Brian in those two epic European Finals.

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BLUES LOOKING FOR THIS

by 'On Target's

Villa may have the glory and the tradition. But Birmingham City — back in the First Division again with a defiance that says much for the spirit within the club — will never admit to being the second club in the Second City.

Just as Gordon Lee of Everton is ever conscious of the need to keep pace with his neighbouring club Liverpool, so Birmingham's laconic chief Jim Smith is always aware that whatever they achieve, comparisons will be made with that 'other' club only a short distance away at Villa Park.

But he doesn't seem to be doing too badly. And although Blues' League status since the last war has been something of a yo-yo situation — up four times and down three times — there are many who believe that they are one of the clubs who SHOULD be regular members of the First Division, with their big ground at St Andrew's and their potential following.

Plenty has happened since, as Small Heath Alliance, the club began its life in humble fashion in 1875 on a piece of waste ground near St Arthur Street. It wasn't until 1906 that they moved to their present ground, one year after the club was re-named 'Birmingham'. The 'City' was only added in 1945.

Blues have never been a side which has looked capable of winning the League title and indeed the highest they have ever finished in Division 1 was sixth in 1956. But of their notable achievements, two have occurred since the war.

One was winning the League Cup in 1963. Ironically enough this was in a two-leg final against the old enemy Villa. Having beaten Villa 3-1 in the first leg at St Andrew's they drew the second leg 0-0 and handsomely took the trophy.

The other was in reaching the F.A. Cup final for the second time in their history in 1956, only to lose to Manchester City in



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the game in which Bert Trautmann, the winners' 'keeper broke his neck.

The first time Birmingham reached Wembley was in 1931 against another local rival, West Bromwich — the first all-Midland final since 1895. Played in a downpour, it resulted in a 2-1 win for Albion who went on to become the only side to win the F.A. Cup and promotion in the same season.

The big names for Blues between the wars were goalkeeper Harry Hibbs, a superb player who was capped for his country 25 times between 1930 and 1936 despite being on the small side, and big Joe Bradford, a goal-getter extraordinary whose 29 in the First Division in 1927-28 still stands as a club record.

The other great goalkeeper to wear the colours of both Blues and England was, of course, Gil Merrick whose total of caps since the war was only two fewer than that of Hibbs.

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The men at the helm since the war contained three of the most famous names ever to fill a manager's chair — Harry Storer, Stan Cullis and Sir Alf Ramsey.

Birmingham were one of the pioneer teams of the old Inter-Cities Fairs Cup back in 1955-56 in the days of such players as Len Boyd, Alex Govan, Gordon Astall, the Shakespeare-quoting Eddie Brown and Peter Murphy.

For four seasons between 1955 and 1961 Blues competed in the Fairs Cup reaching the semi-final once and the final twice.

They succumbed to Barcelona in the 1960 final on a 4-1 aggregate, and in the following year by a 4-2 aggregate to Roma.



Midfield dynamo Archie Gemmill and Southampton's Charlie George.

The sixties were a struggle for Birmingham with continual battles against relegation followed by a spell of seven seasons in the Second Division going into the seventies.

With the advent of a young man from Plymouth by the name of Trevor Francis a new excitement was in store for Blues fans, and it was a major disappointment to the club's fans when the club decided they had to part with him to Nottingham Forest after he had made nearly 200 League appearances and scored 118 goals.

Now with young stars like Mark Dennis and Kevin Dillon alongside the old campaigner Archie Gemmill and wily Frank Worthington up front, Blues are looking to re-establish themselves in the top flight, this time for a considerable spell. Hopefully those every-year relegation jitters may now be a thing of the past.

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USA v ENGLAND 1950

by Derek Henderson

Whenever the name of the South American town of Belo Horizonte is mentioned in soccer circles it will mean only one thing — the day when England suffered one of the great humiliations of her soccer history.

For this was the day when England crashed to an unbelievable defeat in one of the opening matches of the 1950 World Cup finals in Brazil to the unfancied, and certainly unsung Americans.

The implications were far-reaching. The subsequent match against Spain was also lost and England slunk home embarrassed to the point of total examination of our selection system. Soon afterwards the national team manager was given sole responsibility for team-choosing, the task taken entirely away from the 'amateur' F.A. officials at long last.

The game itself was freakish. We had on display in that Brazilian mining town some of the great names of post-war soccer — Bert Williams, Alf Ramsey, Tom Finney, Roy Bentley, Jimmy Mullen and so on.

Had the same fixture been played a dozen times over and over again there is little doubt that the Americans would have succumbed every time. But as so often happens in 'sudden-death' cup-ties, the shock was 'on'.

The stunning goal came after 37 minutes when a harmless-looking cross-shot was deflected in by Gaetjens, a Haitian who was really not qualified to play for the States at all.

England did everything but score and as Stanley Matthews watched from the stands — a fact which today seems incomprehensible — the news of the final result was soon winging its way around the world to an incredulous soccer public.

Walter Winterbottom observed later that a team which squandered as many openings as England did that day did not deserve to win.

And as if to underline the crazy scoreline, Spain later walloped the Americans 3-2.

England took a long time to live down the experience. Ironically, 16 years later Italy were to suffer a similar humiliation at the hands of the North Koreans — in England!



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TABLES TAKING SHAPE

by Arthur Walters

The season's 36 of the way through and the tables take shape. Let's take a look at a few statistics over the past five years and await to see if these teams do better!

	Highest Lgt Position	Lgt Highest Goalscorer	Most Wins
Northampton	1st 20/ 3/76	Reilly 22 77/78	29 75/76
Stockport	1st 9/10/76	Lee 20 78/79	16 77/78
Walsall	1st 19/ 4/80	Buckley 34 75/76	23 79/80
Crewe	6th 26/12/76	Coyne 16 77/78	19 76/77
		78/79	
Chester	1st 25/ 8/79	Edwards 20 78/79	18 76/77
Plymouth	4th 14/10/78	Binney 26 78/79	16 79/80
Reading	1st 5/ 5/79	Friday 21 75/76	26 78/79
Portsmouth	1st 8/12/79	Garwood 17 79/80	24 78/79
Bournemouth	2nd 11/ 4/76	Showers 17 77/78	20 75/76
Port Vale	7th 20/ 3/75	Cullerton 17 75/76	15 75/76
Charlton	3rd 5/11/76	Hales 28 75/76	16 76/77
Tranmere	1st 3/ 2/78	Moore 34 75/76	24 75/76
Torquay	4th 28/ 8/76	Brown 18 76/77	19 78/79
Exeter	1st 23/ 8/75	Beer 21 76/77	25 76/77



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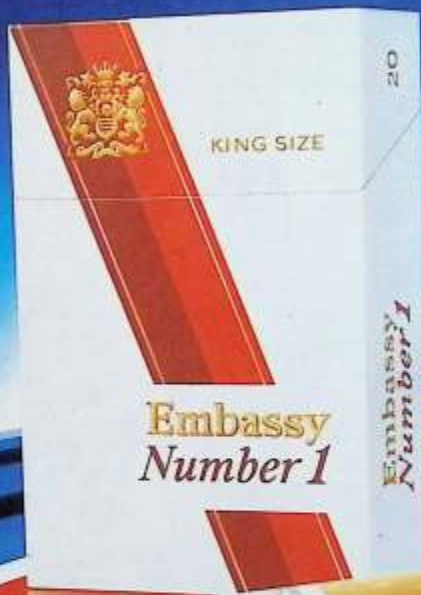
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PLAYER PROFILE

We turn our spotlight this afternoon to **TERRY CONROY** who, after being released by Stoke City had a short spell out in the warmer climate of Singapore and on his return to this country joined the Gresty Road staff. Born in Dublin his first appearance in competitive soccer was with the Home Farm Youth Side which has produced many fine players. His professional career started with Glentoran and it was from there that he joined Stoke City. A player of considerable experience, his total of league appearances now being close to 300, this could no doubt have been more had he not had to undergo surgery for cartilage trouble. Capped for the Republic of Ireland many times, this aspect will be the subject of a further article. Injury restricted his appearances in the Crewe colours last season but has played in 20 games so far this season. On the question and answer topics these produced the following.

Married — Yes, Wife's name Susan.

Any family — A daughter Tara.

When did you make your League debut — Against Leicester City in 1967 and scored on his debut.

Does any particular game stand out in your mind — Winning the League Cup Final against Chelsea.

Favourite Food — No particular favourite.

Favourite T.V. Programmes — Comedy series, especially the Two Ronnies.

Type of Car driven — Mazda.

How do you spend your leisure time — In a variety of ways, but does enjoy a day at the Races.

Ambitions — To be successful both on and off the field and to see Crewe get promotion to Division Three.



TERRY CONROY

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30 - Manchester United "A"	A 26
SEPTEMBER	
13 - Manchester City "A"	H 20
25 - Liverpool "A"	A 19
27 - Everton "A"	A 26
OCTOBER	
4 - Morecambe Res	H 12
11 - Manchester United "A"	H 13
25 - Stockport "A"	H 12
NOVEMBER	
1 - Everton "A"	H 04
8 - Carlisle Res	H 01
16 - Chester "A"	A 28
22 - Manchester City "A"	A 21
29 - Altrincham Res	A 1
DECEMBER	
5 - Chester "A"	H 32
13 - Bolton "A"	H
20 - Carlisle Res	A
JANUARY	
3 - Tranmere Res	H
10 - Port Vale Res	A
17 - Oldham Res	H
23 - Stockport "A"	A
31 - Morecambe Res	A
FEBRUARY	
7 - Rochdale Res	H
14 - Oldham Res	A
21 - Bolton "A"	A
28 - Barrow Res	A
MARCH	
7 - Liverpool "A"	H
14 - Wrexham Res	H
21 - Rochdale Res	A
28 - Barrow Res	H
APRIL	
4 - Wrexham Res	A
11 - Altrincham Res	H



Bob Scott, Crewe's central defender, scoops the ball out of the danger area.



Ian Twitchin closes in as the Crewe 'keeper is doubled up by a fierce shot.



Crewe's goalkeeper, Ken Mulhearn, gets to a United corner before Tommy Sermantl and Les Lawrence.



An anxious moment for Crewe as Keith Bowker sees a United scoring attempt scrape the post.

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MARCH

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- G. Williams, Norwich Union.

APRIL

4—Hartlepool

- Crewe & District F.A.

MAY

2—Port Vale

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TEAM CHECK

Crewe Alexandra

Colours: Red Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 **KEN MULHEARN.** Has done a good job since he joined the club from Shrewsbury
- 2 **KEVIN LEWIS.** Still operating on the right flank since John McMahon has been out of the side.
- 3 **DANNY BOWERS.** Alternating between the full back and midfield position on the left side.
- 4 **GEOFF HUNTER.** Scorer of the equalising goal at Vale Park last week.
- 5 **BOB SCOTT.** Has only missed one game through injury so far this season.
- 6 **COLIN PROPHETT.** Keeps turning in very consistent performances in a defensive position.
- 7 **DAI DAVIES.** Happily back once again after injury and quickly on the goal trail again.
- 8 **STEVE HANLON.** Says he thoroughly enjoyed every minute of his first ever league game against Mansfield.
- 9 **TERRY CONROY.** Was unlucky not to score in the closely fought encounter at Vale Park.
- 10 **KEVIN GLENDON.** Another young player who has earned his chance of a first team spot.
- 11 **DENNIS NELSON.** Can always be guaranteed to be in the thick of the action.

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- 1 **JOHN BROWN.** Had to miss a number of games through injury this season.
- 2 **DAVE FRETWELL.** A graduate from Bradford University and now a very consistent full back.
- 3 **STEVE MCADAM.** Is on trial at the present time, was released by Burnley last summer.
- 4 **GEORGE UROUHART.** Joined Wigan from Ross County last year. Was born in Glasgow.
- 5 **COLIN METHVEN.** Cost a £30,000 fee when signed from East Fife in October 1979. Very capable defender.
- 6 **ALEX CRIBLEY.** Another player at present on trial from Liverpool. Played in the reserves at Anfield.
- 7 **DAVE MCMULLAN.** Scored against visitors Scunthorpe last Saturday. Recently came back into the side.
- 8 **JEFF WRIGHT.** Has been with the club since 1974, previously with Netherfield. A regular first team player.
- 9 **PETER HOUGHTON.** Previously with Prescot Town and South Liverpool. A consistent scorer.
- 10 **MIKE QUINN.** Signed this season and has scored with regularity since getting into the side.
- 11 **FRANK CORRIGAN.** Has had considerable experience with Burton Albion, Walsall, Bangor City and Northwich Victoria.

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